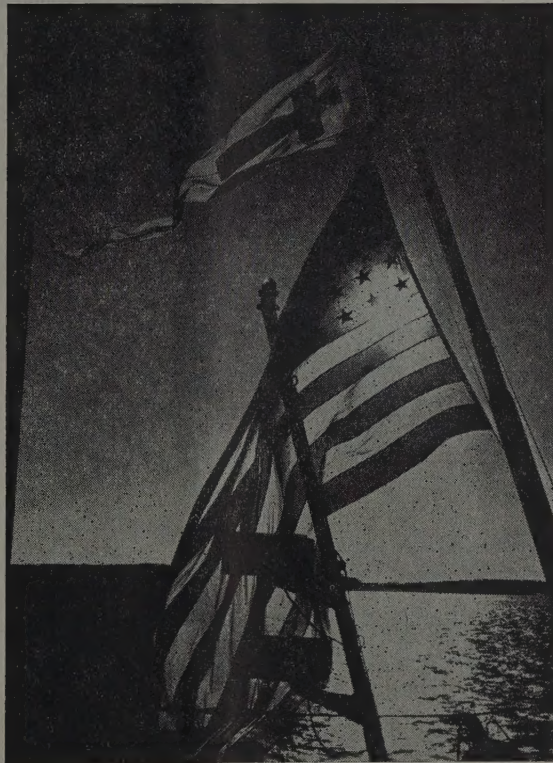
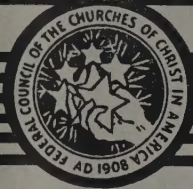


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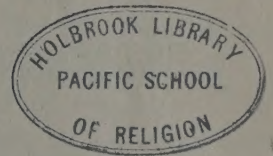
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PROMOTION
Chicago, Ill. May 24-27, 1943

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New Wilmington, Pa. May 26, 1943

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THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

Prayer for the Nation

Eternal God, the Father of all mankind, and the sure defense of those who are sore beset, remember in mercy, we beseech Thee, our country now involved in war. Give wisdom to our counsellors; and courage and endurance to our soldiers, sailors and airmen, and all who guard our shores. Look in compassion on those immediately exposed to danger and hardship—all who are embattled and imprisoned; all who wander sad-hearted and alone; all whose homes have been left unto them desolate. Vouchsafe unto all of us that courage that shall enable us to live through anxious days and troubled nights. And grant that, when the current conflict of the nations is over-passed, there may be in us a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a heart of love for all true spirits, and a disposition to find a way of living that shall last forever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Evangelism as the Basic Need

The Message entitled "The Present Summons to a Larger Evangelism," issued by the Federal Council of Churches by official action of its Executive Committee at the last meeting, is a document of prime importance. If it attracts less public attention than statements on wartime policies or post-war plans, that does not mean that it is less significant. On the contrary, this is, beyond question, one of the most basic pronouncements which the Federal Council has

ever given out. It deals with the spiritual foundations without which none of the ambitious designs for a better world order can ever be consummated.

The Message begins with a ringing affirmative of "Good News"—good news not merely of men's devising but issuing from "a mighty Divine act in which the living God has openly declared His will." It is God's revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ—"in His incarnation, His life, His crucifixion and His resurrection"—that is the ultimate ground of our hope. The Message leaves no room whatever for doubt that the historic faith of the Church in Christ as Divine Lord and Savior is still the unfailing anchor of the Church.

Likewise there is no room for doubt as to the basic function of the Church: it is "to proclaim the Word of God and to make disciples."

The Message frankly admits that the churches need a new spirit of evangelism. "Large numbers of congregations of all denominations throughout America," it says, "go through an entire year without a single accession upon profession of faith." The fact that millions of young people now in the armed forces "are hungry for the Gospel and are ready to respond to its appeal" is cited as a special reason for the strengthening of evangelistic work. Attention is also directed to the responsibility for shepherding the great numbers of people who are being "uprooted by the wartime industrial program and transplanted to new communities."

The present state of the nation and of the world is pictured as a summons to a deeper spiritual emphasis. "We shall solve none of our basic social problems," the Message affirms, "merely by ingenious schemes of external reorganization that do not get down to the root difficulties of the human heart." The crucial point still is that men should "repent and believe the Gospel."

Among the methods which are advocated is a much greater concern for childhood and youth. "About seventy-five percent of Protestant church members in America," the statement indicates, "joined the Church before they were twenty-one." But "over fifteen million of our school-age children are today receiving no religious training."

A strong plea is made for a greater emphasis on the element of decision and commitment. This is a much-needed and timely note. Men do not drift into the Kingdom of God; they must render a "verdict" as to what direction they are to take in their own personal living.

The Message comes to a climax in the arresting appeal of the Archbishop of Canterbury for unity in Christian witness: "Our differences remain; we shall not pretend that they are already resolved into unity. But we take our stand on the common faith of Christendom, faith in God, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier, and so standing together we invite men to share that faith and call on all to conform their lives to the principles derived from it."

The Church and the Women in Uniform

We have become so accustomed to such phrases as "men in uniform," "men in the armed forces" and "service men" that we tend to forget that they are no longer adequate. There are *women* in uniform, *women* in the armed forces, *service women*. There are 25,000 women in the Army and Navy as nurses and they are increasing at the rate of about 2,500 each month. "Waacs" and "Waves" are new words in our language indicating that our daughters and sisters as well as our sons and brothers are being daily recruited for military and naval functions. We are told that soon there will be 150,000

Waacs and 40,000 Waves. There are still other groups of women in their country's uniform.

This unprecedented development raises important questions for those who are responsible for the moral and spiritual welfare of America's troops. Are the women being included in the plans for recreational and social activities? Do local churches, when they plan programs for soldiers and sailors, remember to invite Waves and Waacs? Are the chaplains in a position to provide all the pastoral service that the women in the armed forces need? Should we be planning, as has already been done in England, for the appointment of women, well-trained in religious education and personal counseling, as assistants to the chaplains?

The Federal Council's Department of Research and Education is making a study of the facts in the case. The United Council of Church Women has appointed a special committee to explore what needs to be done.

Who Will Go for Us?—

The Church and the Chaplains

In their response to the need for chaplains for the men in the armed forces the churches face a severe test. The number of ministers required for this indispensable service is much larger than is commonly realized. At least 6,000 are already on active duty in the Army and Navy. About 4,000 more are required for the Army and 500 for the Navy during the year 1943.

Of this number approximately two-thirds are sought from the Protestant churches. It will be difficult to release so many pastors from their civilian parishes without seriously disorganizing the normal life of the Church. But it must be done.

The younger pastors, who fall within the age limits for military service, cannot escape asking themselves whether they are right in remaining at home while so many of their youth are called to the hardships of war. Of course there are many pastors who should not go, but if all of them should take this position, millions of our young people, undergoing experiences which mean exceptional moral and spiritual need, would go unshepherded.

Congregations must also seriously reflect whether they are doing all they should to make it possible for their pastors to become chaplains. There are gratifying instances of two neighboring congregations of different denominations joining for the duration of the war when the pastor of one of them has entered the chaplaincy. There ought to be many more cases of this kind.

The whole Church needs to be more alert to the greatness of its opportunity in the chaplaincy. In the Army and Navy today are found millions of young men—and increasingly a large body of young women also—to whom the Church must minister. Some of them are its own sons and daughters—it must follow them with its spiritual nurture. Others are outside the Church, yet in their new situation they are more open to the Christian message: they are the greatest evangelistic challenge to the Church today. What the Church does or fails to do with reference to both of these groups will go far in determining its influence in the next generation.

And the whole Church needs to be more appreciative of the work of its chaplains. The chaplain is the one minister of Christ who goes with the men in uniform wherever they go—even in the hour of danger. The list of the chaplains who are known to have lost their lives already reaches to twelve, and six others are reported missing in action. Eleven are reported as prisoners of war. The spirit of their sacrifice is a clear call to the Church.

The Churches, the Y.M.C.A., and U.S.O.

Less than a year ago there was widespread confusion with regard to the relation of the Protestant churches and the U.S.O. Dissatisfaction was expressed in many quarters because the Protestant agencies in the U.S.O. were not working as closely in coöperation with the churches as the Catholic and Jewish agencies were working with their respective churches. There was criticism of the U.S.O. program as having little religious content.

Today the situation is different. There is a well-defined cordial and mutually gratifying understanding between the Y.M.C.A., and the churches. They are working closely together—

nationally in the formulation of policy and program, and locally in combining resources for rendering more effective service. The work has an avowed and conspicuous religious emphasis.

The Y.M.C.A. has declared its purpose to act as an agency of the Protestant churches in this ministry insofar as the churches desire it to do so. In conformity with this policy it has appointed official church leaders to its Army and Navy Department, which directs its U.S.O. work; it has put clergymen on its staff to promote coöperation between the U.S.O. staff and local churches; it has consulted the churches concerning religious literature and other aspects of its program in order "to lend support to the men in retaining their religious ideals and personal integrity." Of the more than nine million items of educational and religious literature which it has printed and distributed, over eight million are of a religious or inspirational character, including the *Spiritual Almanac* and *Rations* prepared by the Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Communities. A "Religious Book Shelf" for U.S.O. Clubs has been provided and also a set of musical records of religious classics.

Many reports indicate an increased confidence and coöperation between the churches and the U.S.O. in local communities. Desk space is made available in many clubs for a representative of the churches, and other steps are taken to establish contact between the men and the churches of their choice. Pastors do much of the personal counseling. The local clergy join with the U.S.O. staff in seminars on personal counseling set up under leadership secured by the Federal Council's Commission on Religion and Health, thus improving competence and collaboration in meeting the individual needs of the men in the armed forces with whom they come into contact.

These few details are cited as evidence of a development which is highly gratifying to us and which, according to abundant testimony, is proving to be of great religious value to men in service. We suggest that those who are interested in a more complete story write to the Army and Navy Department of the Y.M.C.A., 347 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y., for a free copy of Rev. M. J. Creeger's report of this work.

Preaching Missions in Army Camps

THE Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council has conducted four more Preaching Missions in as many army camps during April.

One of these four Missions was held April 4-9 at Camp Butner, near Durham, N. C. This is one of the new camps which has just been completed. The commanding officers and the eighteen Protestant chaplains gave excellent coöperation.

At the opening Sunday evening service which was held outdoors over 2,000 soldiers were present. One of the regimental bands participated in the service. General E. P. Parker, Jr., presented the speaker of the evening, Rev. Stewart Robinson, Presbyterian pastor from Elizabeth, N. J. Dr. Robinson was a chaplain in the 78th Division in World War I.

The speakers on the team at Camp Butner were:

Rev. James T. Veneklasen, Wilmette, Ill.
 Rev. Charles Banning, Norwich, Conn.
 Rev. Theodore Adams, Richmond, Va.
 Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, Elizabeth, N. J.
 Rev. J. Oscar Lee, Richmond, Va.
 Rev. Schuyler Garth, Youngstown, Ohio.
 Rev. William Howell, Hamlet, N. C.
 Rev. Jesse M. Bader, New York, N. Y.

The Preaching Mission at Fort Knox was held March 28-April 2. The two speakers were F. L. Fagley of New York City and A. J. "Dad" Elliott of Chicago. These speakers brought daily morning messages to the chaplains and spoke in the chapels in the evening.

A third Mission was held April 11-16 at Miami Beach, Fla. The speakers were:

Rev. Robert L. Allen
 Rev. C. Roy Angell
 Rev. Richard J. Broyles
 Rev. J. Wallace Hamilton
 Rev. Daniel Iverson
 Rev. Glenn C. James
 Rev. Robert Peeble MacDonald
 Rev. Gordon Reese
 Rev. Lloyd S. Ruland
 Rev. R. Wiley Scott
 Rev. Everett Smith
 Rev. Roger Squire

More men were reached by the speakers in this Mission than in any other of the 35 Missions held thus far. The chaplains had made excellent preparations.

Another Mission was held during Holy Week at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., by Bishop Robert Spencer of Kansas City and Rev. Dirk Middents, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Leavenworth, Kans. Fort Leavenworth is one of the oldest military reservations in America. The services of these two speakers were deeply appreciated and their messages effective.

A Preaching Mission is scheduled for May 9-14 at Fort Devens, Mass. The three speakers are: Rev. J. Sutherland Bonnell, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City; Rev. Harold Cockburn of Scotland; and Jesse M. Bader, Executive Secretary of the Department.

Christian Progress in Canal Zone

THE year 1942 was the best in the history of the Union Churches of the Canal Zone, according to the report issued after the 29th annual meeting of their General Council, held on January 31.

There are five congregations, located at Balboa, Cristobal, Gatun, Pedro Miguel and Gamboa. The pastors are: *Balboa*—Rev. C. E. Goddard; *Cristobal*—Rev. C. L. Morgan; *Pedro Miguel and Gamboa*—Rev. H. C. Schjeveland. *Gatun* installed Rev. L. S. DeSmidt as pastor on January 3rd.

The membership of the five churches has grown from 1,036 to 1,244. The wartime emergency has necessitated the removal of most of the women and children to the States, causing a loss of membership in the Sunday schools and women's auxiliaries. The Christian Endeavor increased from 104 to 187 members.

Financially the year was a good one. The total receipts were \$33,267.68. The disbursements were \$27,404.39, with a good balance in the treasury of each local church. Balboa has raised \$8,000 for the erection of a parsonage.

The churches donated \$1,815.00 for missionary work among their Panamanian neighbors, besides \$100.00 for

a building for the Mission to the San Blas Indians.

Work has been initiated in the new towns, Cocoti and Margarita. A union Sunday School was organized in both places by the Episcopalians. The government has been asked to allocate land for a church in Margarita. During the past two summers, while in the States, Bishop Harry Beal of the Diocese of Panama has received several generous contributions for the Union Church to be built at Gamboa as soon as more normal conditions permit building materials to be secured.

Mr. W. H. Kromer, who has just retired as Comptroller of the Canal Zone, was re-elected President of the General Council. He will continue to reside in the Zone as Director of the United Service Organizations.

A remarkable evidence of the unique character of Christian work in the Zone is afforded by the action of the Congress of the United States in granting a federal charter to the Union Church of the Canal Zone. The act of incorporation, approved on December 31, 1941, provides for a board of trustees of not fewer than nine and not more than nineteen members. The Federal Council appoints four; each of the local congregations in the Zone appoints one.

How Churches Meet Wartime Needs

Notable advances in emergency service have been reported from all parts of the country. A few of those most suggestive to other churches and communities are here summarized. Inquiries concerning details may be addressed to the Editor, who will refer them to the proper sources of information.

PASTORS SERVE ON RELEASED TIME

FOR some time the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. has been borrowing ministers from their churches for a month or two and assigning them for service in over-burdened churches in camp communities. This plan has now been adopted for interdenominational work by the Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Communities. The Commission, through the denominations which participate in it, will invite churches to release their ministers for one- to two-month periods to be placed in camp communities on invitation from the local Council of Churches, Ministers' Association, or other inter-church committee.

The plan is intended to enlarge the Church's ministry to those in uniform, to extend the influence of some of its ablest leaders, to meet changing conditions, to enrich the visiting minister and the church which releases him, and to accomplish these results with available manpower. These visiting ministers will coöperate with the nearby chaplains, multiply and strengthen their activities for those in uniform, conduct community-wide visitation of newcomers, develop programs of child care, organize and conduct Vacation Church Schools, coöperate with community agencies, and in general encourage all efforts toward the maintenance of decent community conditions. Visiting ministers before they go to a camp community will be provided with a kit of orientation materials.

The local church continues the salary of the minister on leave and provides for pulpit substitutes. The denomination pays traveling expenses and the camp community provides maintenance and office assistance. If an inter-church committee responsible for a camp community desires continuing assistance, released-time ministers may be sent *seriatim*.

The Commission invites participating denominations to report names of recommended ministers. From these lists a small committee appointed by the Commission will make selections. For the service of women in uniform, it is hoped that carefully selected women may be invited to serve in the same way and on the same basis.

The Commission proposes to place 25 ministers in June, 50 in July and 100 in August. Thereafter, the plan will be expanded as rapidly as experience indicates is feasible.

SEEING THE MEN OFF

The War Emergency Commission of the Detroit Council of Churches has helped in the formation of an inter-faith committee of the U.S.O., which combines Catholic, Jewish and Protestant service organizations. This committee handles the distribution of religious materials to the inductees who leave each morning from the Detroit railroad stations. Ninety percent of the men in Michigan go through Detroit and are for the first time grouped and put under orders. Three stands are set up at the station at the time each morning when the men are assembled and given their traveling orders. Each faith has a couple of fine church women at its stand. Each faith has its little service kit. The Protestant Kit includes a New Testament, two essays on the Bible (provided by the American Bible Society), the Spiritual Almanac for Service Men, issued by the Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Communities and some stationery. The kits cost 35c each and the total program will cost \$3,500 per year.

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FOR GIRLS AWAY FROM HOME

There was a Woman's Council through which the interdenominational representative could work at Red Bank, N. J. Jewish, Catholic and Protestant groups are represented, and they expect to add a Negro representative. These women have started a Sojourners Club at the Presbyterian Church where the girls may come one night a week and prepare their evening meal with food purchased by the Council women. After dinner the girls gather around the piano or bring their sewing, as four electric sewing machines are available. They may also engage in the Spanish conversation class. Occasionally men's night is held, and the evening's program varied. A Sunday afternoon tea is to be held at the Methodist Church, when 600 girls will be invited. Many of these girls live in government dormitories, and are training to be radio technicians. In the Fort Monmouth Area there are between two and three thousand girls who have come to attend the Signal Corps School and to work in the laboratories. At Asbury Park the women of the churches have given a party to the Negro girls, many of whom have been brought up from the South. Church women are also planning organized calling on the men in the government hospital at Fort Monmouth.

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INTERDENOMINATIONAL EXTENSION WORKERS

The Christian Commission for Camp and Defense Communities has announced a list of 48 communities in which a full-time employed staff is at work in the interdenominational ministry to those in uniform or to newcomers or both: 10 for those in uniform, 24 for newcomers, 14 for both.

An example of the combined ministry is that of the Washington (D. C.) Church Federation, where, during January and February of 1943, 12,250 service men and war workers participated in parties arranged by the churches. Lodging in the churches for 3,500 men in uniform was provided and 400 home hospitality arrangements were completed. A weekly bulletin for war workers telling of church activities has a circulation of 2,000 copies to 150 government agencies and individuals. A pamphlet entitled "Newcomers to Washington," written by a newcomer, was widely distributed. From July 1 to December 1, 1942, 103,000 civil service appointments were made to positions in Washington.

Through a worker jointly maintained by the Denver Council of Churches and the Denver Y.M.C.A., a week-day program of supper, recreation and religious service open to soldiers and sailors is maintained in downtown churches. An extensive program of coöperation with the chaplains is carried through. Help is given to local churches in developing their own programs for those in the armed forces.

The Wichita (Kansas) Council of Churches maintains a program of religious ministry to newcomers living in three separate housing projects. The work began in Hill-top Manor. The church and Sunday School started there has now become self-supporting and has freed funds for the beginning of similar work in the other two centers.

Most of these interdenominational ministries are provided by church funds drawn on a pro-rata basis from the war emergency funds of the participating denominations. Two of the ministries are supported by the Community Chest. In four instances the Y.M.C.A. furnishes most of the financial support. Six of the ministries are made possible by the loan of interdenominational workers who function under the auspices of an interchurch committee. Eight of the ministries are in communities where workers are assigned for short periods, approximately three months. During this interval they seek to train volunteers and the local church forces for carrying on.

In addition to the 48 communities the Commission announces that similar projects are in process of formation in 12 additional places.

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PERSONAL COUNSELING

The Director of the Defense Commission of the Washington (D. C.) Church Federation has been instrumental in handling many adjustment problems. A young man was unable to work with his associates because he felt alone and unwanted. The Director discovered the root of the trouble to be home worries, his reluctance to be away from his wife and a newborn child who was not expected to live. The Director invited the young man to a church where he attended a church school class, worship service, and an evening adult group. He was invited to go to a home for dinner. Follow-up friendly calls

took place. He soon found interested friends and could tell the counsellor, "The world looks different to me now and my job does, too."

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MARRIAGE INFORMATION SERVICE

The Service Men's Council of the Federations of Churches of Greater New York is circulating to the various service men's centers 25,000 copies of the pamphlet "Your Marriage in Wartime," issued by the Commission on Marriage and the Home of the Federal Council of Churches. The Council issues a directory entitled "Church—Marriage Information" which reads: "This is a partial directory of the denominational headquarters of some of the better-known Protestant churches in Brooklyn and Greater New York. Inquiries from members of the armed forces regarding advice or assistance in marriage and other matters should be referred to these offices. For information about other denominations, please call the Service Men's Council."

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An interfaith greeting card is being given the newcomers to Willow Lodge, situated near Ann Arbor, Mich., which combines the religious interests of the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish groups. The new resident is asked to fill out a religious census card expressing his church preference and to leave the card at the main desk of his unit. The card is then turned over to the nearest organized group, where the newcomer is invited for consultation and coöperation in furthering church plans.

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Arrangements have been completed with the "Welcome Wagon" of the United Churches of Broome County to hand a card of greeting to newcomers to Binghamton, N. Y. A summary of each call is sent to the United Churches office, and a more personal invitation to tie up immediately with the local church of their choice is mailed to each family, together with a directory of local churches and their location. Then the names of new families are sent to ministers of churches near by, of denominations indicated.

Revised Dates of 1943 Christian Ashrams

The fourth annual series of Christian Ashrams will be held this summer as follows:

July 7-17—San Francisco Theological Seminary,
San Anselmo, Calif.

July 17-31—Green Lake Bible Institute Grounds,
Green Lake, Wisc.

July 31-Aug. 14—Geneva Point Camp, Winnepesaukee, N. H.

Aug. 14-28—Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.

Those desiring to attend any one of these Ashrams should write for information to the Department of Evangelism, Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Geneva Analysis: The Church and World Order

THE Geneva staff of the Study Department of the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches has compiled a list of eleven propositions defining the Church's contribution to world order. On the basis of an analysis of statements by church groups and leaders in many countries, the staff believes this list represents the points upon which agreement prevails.

The eleven points are as follows:

1. The Church has a specific task in relation to peace-making and the creation of an international order. A division on this point, however, arises over the question whether this task consists exclusively in reminding the nations of the Divine Commandments, or should include the interpretation of those Commandments in terms of concrete policy.

2. The Church can perform its task in this realm by itself constituting a world-wide fellowship under one Lord in which national differences are eliminated.

3. The Church must proclaim to the nations that Jesus Christ is Lord over all men and all powers.

4. The Church must proclaim the Divine Commandments concerning the order that is to reign in the world.

5. The Church will call the nations to repentance for their common guilt and to work for reconciliation.

6. The Church is to proclaim that international relations must be subordinated to divine law.

7. The Church is to proclaim that the State is neither an aim in itself nor a law unto itself, and that its God-given function is to maintain an order based on law that

guarantees fundamental human rights.

8. The Church will proclaim that political power must be exercised with a sense of responsibility toward all those who are affected by that power.

9. The Church is to proclaim that society must provide all its members with the opportunity to fulfill a meaningful vocation, and that it should provide conditions of social security for all.

10. The Church is to proclaim that the nations are interdependent, and that they must all have equal access to the resources of the earth.

11. The Church will proclaim that no people can claim the right to rule over another people, and that the dominating purpose of colonial administration must be to prepare colonial peoples for self-government.

The staff finds, however, divergence and disagreement with regard to certain implications of the statements of principles. Consequently it has also prepared a more extensive analysis "for the purpose of clarifying agreements and disagreements existing between the churches and members of the Council, and the clarifying of issues for further discussion in preparation for the elaboration of a just and durable peace."

Both the eleven points and the more extensive analysis have been printed by the American Office of the World Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Ave., New York. The former is available free in single copies, the latter for 10 cents per copy.

Conference Considers Church Social Work

THE third of the 1943 regional conferences and the annual business meeting of the Church Conference of Social Work will be held in Cleveland, May 25-27. Meeting as an associate group of the National Conference of Social Work, the Church Conference is giving its attention to the general topic "The Social Task of the Church in Wartime."

"The Church and Democracy at Home" will be discussed by a panel led by Miss Grace Coyle, former president of the National Conference of Social Work. This panel will look at democracy from the standpoint of minority groups and will study the implications of religion for justice and goodwill toward all groups. The subject "Techniques for Lessening Hatreds," will be analyzed by Miss Lucy Carner and Professor Leonard Stidley. Rev. Robert B. Whyte, Pastor of the Old Stone Church will conduct a vesper service to which all members of the National Conference and its associate groups are invited.

On May 26 the Church Conference will participate in a joint session with the Child Welfare League of America dealing with "Day Care of Children of Working Parents." At the 4 o'clock session the subject will be "The Church and the Family," Dr. Roy Burkhart and Evelyn Millis Duvall presenting papers and other leaders participating.

The annual business meeting at which officers will be elected for the next year will be held at a breakfast session on May 27 at 7:30. The retiring president is Dr. J. R. Mutchmor, Secretary of the Department of Evangelism and Social Service, United Church of Canada.

The program for the three regional sessions has been prepared by a committee under the chairmanship of Professor Arthur L. Swift of Union Theological Seminary with Mrs. P. E. Hawkins and Dr. Clarke Walker Cummings as co-chairmen for Cleveland and St. Louis, respectively. All who are interested in the social work task of the Church are invited to attend. The minimum membership fee is \$1.00. The program for the Cleveland Meeting may be secured by writing to L. Foster Wood, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Some outstanding papers have already been presented at the New York and St. Louis regional meetings. Information about these may be secured by writing as indicated above. Among the features of the New York meeting were the vesper messages, the first one by Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, on "Spiritual Resources for Wartime Needs"; the luncheon at Town Hall Club held jointly with the Protestant Welfare Federation; the joint session with the Home Missions

Council on minorities and sessions on the church serving in war industrial communities, on the post-war world and the standing-room-only session on the emotional needs of children in wartime.

The St. Louis meetings were held in the splendid setting of the Chapter Room of the Bishop Tuttle Memorial Building connected with Christ Church Cathedral. In the treatment of "The Church and the Negro Problem" it was recognized that the manner in which the race problem is treated will have a profound effect upon peace and goodwill in the world and upon the genuine Christian quality of the Church itself. Another challenge to the Church was seen in the session on "The Church and the Relocation of the Japanese." It was strongly urged that the time has come for a more dispassionate and just handling by the American people of all persons of Japanese ancestry, both American citizens and well-behaved Japanese who are aliens.

In discussing "The Social Worker and Social Education in the Church," James Myers, Industrial Secretary of the Federal Council, emphasized the basic rights of all families to a chance to live above the status of being dependent upon charities or services which impair their self-respect. In these sessions careful thought was given to the need of closer understanding between ministers and social workers, the promotion of which is one of the reasons for the existence of the Church Conference of Social Work. Much attention was also given to the valuable ministries which the churches can render to men in uniform.

In all of these sessions the Church Conference has had the coöperation of the Association of Church Social Workers, led by its president, Oliver A. Friedman, who is also Executive Secretary of the National Association of Goodwill Industries.

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President Urges Observance of National Family Week

IN a letter to Dr. Harry C. Munro, Secretary of the Committee on National Family Week, President Franklin D. Roosevelt has said:

"I am very happy to learn of the plans for a common observance of National Family Week, May 2-9, 1943, by the great religious bodies of this country. You and your colleagues, Father Edgar Schmiedeler and Rabbi Israel Goldstein, constituting The Committee on National Family Week, have performed a noteworthy service at this time in bringing the spiritual resources of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish bodies to bear upon the pressing need of strengthening family life.

"No more important task faces the American community today than that of maintaining its homes. The health and happiness of children, the guidance of youth, the security of families must be guarded from impairment in wartime so that the well-being of this nation is assured. The historic concern for these values, and the central place of the family ideal in Christian and Jewish traditions, constitute the greatest assets for assuring success for this program throughout the nation.

"I trust that no community, no church, no sincerely religious citizen throughout this land, will fail to find a way to share in this nation-wide observance."

In the observance of this week representatives of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups participated in a preliminary interfaith broadcast on Saturday, April 17th, over the Mutual network. During National Family Week itself many nation-wide radio programs emphasizing family life as the very heart of our American culture and an inner front to be protected from every damaging influence will be conducted over the great radio networks. It is expected that in thousands of communities across

the nation there will be appropriate forms of observance of Family Week, emphasizing the vital importance of the family for the individual, the church, the community and the nation. These programs should also extend the horizons of interest and sympathy with a world-wide sweep. Inclusive committees representing councils of churches, social agencies, defense councils and other community interests are planning local programs.

For the constituency of the Federal Council of Churches, the International Council of Religious Education and the United Council of Church Women a folder of suggestions for family life programs both for Family Week and throughout the year has been issued with the title "Christian Family Week." This includes things that families can do, plans which local churches can carry out, and points of strategy for councils and groups of churches. Catholic and Jewish groups are putting on parallel programs in their own religious organizations. The Committee on National Family Week has issued a statement of fundamentals.

Health Welfare Services

The Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services of the Federal Security Agency has published a pamphlet on *Health Welfare and Related Aspects of Community War Services* which is valuable for local churches which are interested in services which they can render to the community in wartime. Single copies are available free of charge from the Federal Security Agency, Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services, Washington, D. C.

The Christian Message on the Air

THE broadcasts of Holy Week were a reminder of the unique service which the Federal Council is able to render to the churches over the air. From Palm Sunday to Easter, inclusive, there were 15 broadcasts arranged by the Council.

On the afternoon of Palm Sunday over the NBC network a half-hour was devoted to interpreting the work of the Church. The speakers were Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, from Richmond, Va.; Bishop James C. Baker, from San Francisco, Calif.; and Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, from New York.

On the evening of April 23 Rt. Rev. William T. Manning gave a special Good Friday message over the network of NBC on "The Victory of the Cross."

On Easter morning the Blue Network, Inc., gave an hour and a half, from 7:30 to 9:00 o'clock Eastern War Time, to a program arranged in consultation with the Federal Council's Department of National Religious Radio. First, the great outdoor service at Ft. Meade, Md., was picked up; next, an early service at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago; then, an Easter program from the Hollywood Bowl in California.

During Holy Week Dr. Ralph W. Sockman was heard over the National Broadcasting Company's network on Sunday morning and Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick on Sunday afternoon, over the Blue Network. "Holy Week Meditations" were heard at 1:30 over the Blue Network Monday through Good Friday, with the following officiating clergymen: Dr. Francis C. Stifler, Dr. L. Wendell Fifield, Dr. Alvin E. Magary, Dr. Ralph S. Meadowcroft and Dr. Leslie Bates Moss.

Walter W. Van Kirk's "Religion in the News" was featured on Saturday evening.

On April 17 the Mutual Broadcasting Company gave its facilities for a program in preparation for Christian Family Week, which is to be observed May 2-9, under the sponsorship of the Federal Council, the International Council of Religious Education and the United Council of Church Women.

On May 2 the N.B.C. and the Columbia Broadcasting System provide facilities for programs in connection with the "Day of Compassion" for the Jews in Europe, which the Federal Council is promoting.

A survey covering the twelve months of 1942 shows that 384,000 requests for radio messages delivered by speakers under the Federal Council's sponsorship were received and answered during the year—an average of more than a thousand per day. The requests came from every state in the Union and from six foreign countries.

During the past fall and winter both the National Broadcasting Company and the Blue Network have adopted the policy of making occasional broadcasts, in connection with their regular programs known as the

National Radio Pulpit and the National Vespers, from other studios than New York. Under this arrangement the Federal Council has arranged for each of the following to be heard over national networks on one Sunday:

Dr. Edward H. Pruden, First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Robert A. Lapsley, First Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Va.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Boston, Mass.

Rt. Rev. William B. Stevens, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dr. J. Harry Cotton, Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.

Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Albert Buckner Coe, First Congregational Church, Oak Park, Ill.

Dr. Albert Edward Day, First Methodist Church, Pasadena, Calif.

Conference on Discrimination

Representatives of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches conferred on April 9 with the Honorable Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, expressing their concern that the policy of non-discrimination against racial minorities in war industries should be effectively carried out.

The representatives of the religious organizations especially emphasized their desire that the Committee on Fair Employment Practice should be given strong support and enabled to discharge the responsibilities originally committed to it by President Roosevelt in his Executive Order 8802.

Mr. McNutt assured the delegation that he was making diligent efforts to secure the right person to recommend to the President for appointment as chairman of the Committee on Fair Employment Practice and that he hoped to be able to make an announcement on this point soon. He also stated that after the Committee had been reorganized hearings would be resumed, including the case of the Negro firemen on southern railroads.

Members of the delegation which called on Mr. McNutt were: Monsignor John A. Ryan and Rev. John M. Hayes, National Catholic Welfare Conference; Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert and Dr. George E. Haynes, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; Dr. William H. Jernagin, Fraternal Council of Negro Churches; and Rabbi Abraham Shustermann, Central Conference of American Rabbis.

"The Relation of the Church to the War"

An interdenominational commission of a score of Christian scholars who are asked to study and report upon "The Relation of the Church to the War in the Light of the Christian Faith" has just been announced. The commission has been created as the result of a proposal made to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America at its Biennial Meeting last December. The Biennial Meeting gave approval to the appointment of the commission but left to the Executive Committee of the Council the responsibility of selecting the scholars who should serve upon the commission.

Dr. Robert L. Calhoun, Professor of Historical Theology at the Yale Divinity School, has been announced as the chairman of the commission. Other members are:

Edwin E. Aubrey, Professor of Christian Theology and Ethics, Divinity School, University of Chicago

Roland Bainton, Professor of Church History, Yale Divinity School

John C. Bennett, Professor of Christian Theology and Philosophy of Religion, Pacific School of Religion

Conrad Bergendoff, President, Augustana College and Theological Seminary

Harvie Branscomb, Professor of New Testament, Duke University

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Theodore M. Greene, McCosh Professor of Philosophy, Princeton University

Georgia Harkness, Professor of Applied Theology, Garrett Biblical Institute

Walter M. Horton, Professor of Systematic Theology, Oberlin Graduate School of Theology

John Knox, Professor of Sacred Literature, Divinity School, University of Chicago

Umphey Lee, President, Southern Methodist University

John A. Mackay, President, Princeton Theological Seminary

Benjamin E. Mays, President, Morehouse College

John T. McNeill, Professor of the History of European Christianity, Divinity School, University of Chicago

Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor of Applied Theology, Union Theological Seminary, New York

H. Richard Niebuhr, Professor of Christian Ethics, Yale Divinity School

Wilhelm Pauck, Professor of Theology, Chicago Theological Seminary

Douglas Steere, Professor of Philosophy, Haverford College

Ernest Fremont Tittle, minister of First Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill.

Henry P. Van Dusen, Roosevelt Professor of Systematic Theology, Union Theological Seminary, New York

A. C. Zabriskie, Dean, Episcopal Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Va.

While it was created by action of the Federal Council, the Commission is to be wholly free in its work. Its purpose is not to define official policies for the Council but to shed as much light as possible upon the proper attitudes and functions of the Church in wartime, as derived from a study of the nature of Christianity itself.

New Publications

1. *The Present Summons to a Larger Evangelism*—

The Message of the Federal Council which is discussed in an editorial in this issue of the BULLETIN. Three cents per copy; \$2.00 per hundred; further reduction for larger quantities.

2. *Easter to Pentecost Program*—

A suggested program outline for "fifty great days" from Easter to Pentecost, prepared at the request of denominational secretaries of evangelism, especially useful to pastors, ministerial associations and councils of churches. Sample copy free; two cents per copy in quantities.

3. *Our 110,000 New Boarders*—

A reprint of the March, 1943, *Reader's Digest* condensation of J. P. McEvoy's *Baltimore Sunday Sun* article on the Japanese evacuees in relocation centers. Single copies free for postage; \$1.00 per hundred.

4. *The Ministry of Counseling*—

A pamphlet by Rollo May, just published by the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains and the Commission on Religion and Health of the Federal Council. It is designed to be a companion piece to *The Ministry of Listening* by Russell L. Dicks. Written especially for chaplains, it will be useful also for ministers and others who do counseling. Ten cents per copy.

5. *The Child's Religion in War Time*—

A new publication issued for the guidance of parents by the International Council of Religious Education, the United Council of Church Women and the Federal Council of Churches. The pamphlet considers the effects of wartime experience upon the child's religion and makes suggestions to parents about how to utilize these experiences for making religion more real and meaningful to children. Some of the subjects with which it deals are: When Daddy Goes to War, Dealing with Fear, Dealing with Aggressiveness, The Child and His Country, Belonging in the Community, Rationing and Hoarding, Prayer at Home, The Courageous Element in Religion, and Injury and Death. The pamphlet was prepared by a committee of religious educators, ministers, psychiatrists and laymen. Ten cents per copy; special quantity rates.

6. *Statement of Political Propositions for a Just and Durable Peace*—

Issued by the Commission to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, 5 cents per copy. Also Discussion Outline and Instruction Guide to accompany the statement, 20 cents per copy and 5 cents per copy respectively.

All the above publications may be ordered from the Publications Department, Federal Council of Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

Harper Sibley Heads New Committee

Harper Sibley, of Rochester, N. Y., has been elected Chairman of the new Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction. Mr. Sibley is an active layman in the Episcopal Church and has served as President of the U.S.O., Chairman of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A., and Chairman of the Church Committee for China Relief. He is Treasurer of the Federal Council. Recognized as one of America's foremost business men, he is a director of many companies, including the New York Life Insurance Company, American Surety Company and Western Union. He is a past-president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Dr. Leslie Bates Moss, who has been Executive Director of the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches, has been elected Executive Secretary of the new committee, which will include in its responsibilities those carried heretofore by the former committee. Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, recently retired Secretary of the International Missionary Council, will also be related to the executive work of the new committee, with responsibility for its foreign program.

Material for Pentecost Sunday

The American office of the World Council of Churches has on hand copies of some excellent worship material prepared in 1941 for use on Christian Unity Sunday. Since Pentecost is usually the time when the churches stress the need for Christian unity, it is suggested that this material might be of use to pastors. Pentecost Sunday falls on June 12 this year and, while they last, any pastor desiring copies of this material may secure them without charge by writing to the American office of the World Council, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.

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Bishop Leonard Visits Chaplains Overseas

The General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains has commissioned its Chairman, Bishop A. W. Leonard, Resident Bishop of The Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., to visit the Protestant chaplains in the American armed forces overseas. The Federal Council has also designated him to represent it on this mission to the battle fronts. As President of the National Council of the Service Men's Christian League he will also represent that organization.

He has already arrived in England, and it is expected that he will visit Protestant chaplains and servicemen in Ireland, Scotland, North Africa and, if possible, in India and China. The return route has not been definitely determined but, if possible, he will return by way of Liberia and South America.

Chaplain Frank Miller will be Bishop Leonard's escort. Chaplain Miller has served for many years in the Regular Army of the United States and at present is in charge of the Planning and Training Division in the Office of the Chaplain in Chief of the Army.

Dr. Moss Honored

Leslie Bates Moss, since September, 1940, the Executive Director of the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals in the Churches, and recently elected Executive Secretary of the Church Committee for Overseas Relief and Reconstruction, was recently honored by Florida Southern College with the degree of Doctor of Literature. Dr. Moss has already been given the degree of Doctor of Divinity by Denison University.

The citation for the degree was as follows: "Mr. President: Leslie Bates Moss is a cosmopolitan person. He became a world citizen many years ago and has since devoted his energies to the development of a world Christian community. Formerly he was Professor in the University of Nanking, later the secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and now the executive director of the Committee on Foreign Relief Appeals of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. I have the honor to present this distinguished educator, minister, author and radio speaker for the degree of Doctor of Literature."

Christian Missions for Relocation Centers

The Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council is planning a series of Christian Missions to be held in the Japanese Relocation Centers of the nation. The first two of these will be conducted simultaneously May 16-21 at Rohwer and Jerome, Ark.

Each of these centers has been visited by Rev. Jesse M. Bader, Executive Secretary of the Department. He preached at both centers and met with a group of fifteen pastors to confer about plans, program, publicity and speakers for the Christian Mission.

There will be five members on each team of speakers. These will be entertained within the camps by the Christian Japanese. Seminars will be held during the day and two simultaneous evangelistic services each evening. One of these services will be held for those first-generation Japanese who cannot understand English.

There are 8,450 Japanese at Rohwer and about the same number at Jerome. About 64 percent of the population of each center is Buddhist; 35 percent Protestant; and 1 percent Roman Catholic.

The Department of Evangelism, according to present plans, expects to hold a Christian Mission in each of the ten Relocation Centers before the end of the year.

American Coöperative Christianity: Plan Book for 1943-1944

The Inter-Council Field Department, in behalf of seven national interdenominational agencies, has just issued a Plan Book for 1943-1944 under the title "Forward Together: American Coöperative Christianity." These seven agencies include the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, the Home Missions Council of North America, the International Council of Religious

Education, the Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada, the United Council of Church Women and the United Stewardship Council.

The purpose of the Plan Book is to provide a brief yet adequate statement of the program plans and scope of work of these seven interdenominational agencies. Frequently the question is asked, "Why don't the Protestant churches coöperate?" The answer is that they do, to an extent that will surprise most churchmen whether clergymen or laymen. This is amply demonstrated in the new Plan Book.

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Conferences on Counseling in Wartime

"The Impact of the War upon Pastoral and Counseling Responsibilities" is the subject of the ministers' conference to be held at Union Theological Seminary, New York, August 2-6, under the auspices of the Seminary and of the Federal Council's Commission on Religion and Health. "Emotional and Personal Problems" will be discussed by Charles MacFie Campbell, M.D., Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard University, and Rev. Otis R. Rice, Chairman of the Commission on Religion and Health.

Other subjects to be considered will include: Problems in the Armed Forces, Problems of Delinquency, Problems of Family Life, and Problems in Civilian Communities. Other leaders will include Dr. Robert L. Sutherland, Director of the Hogg Foundation at the University of Texas; Prof. Ernest R. Groves of the University of North Carolina; Frederick H. Allen, M.D., of the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic; and Harrison Sayre of Columbus, Ohio.

Further information may be secured from the Commission on Religion and Health or from the Director of the Conference, Harrison S. Elliott, 3041 Broadway, New York City.

A similar conference will be held on the campus of the University of Chicago July 27-31. Plans have not yet been completed. The leaders are expected to include: Dr. Harry Bone, New York psychologist; Rev. Seward Hiltner of the Commission on Religion and Health; Jules Masserman, M.D., of the University of Chicago; and others.

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News of State and Local Cooperation

Rev. Robert Clayton Speers, formerly minister of the Baptist Church at Pocatello, Idaho, was appointed the Director of the Interdenominational Project for work among service men and industrial defense workers in the Ogden area of Utah by the Executive Committee of the Intermountain Conference of Evangelical Churches. Mr. Speers began his work on April first.

New President of Cleveland Church Federation

Dr. D. R. Sharpe, for eighteen years executive secretary of the Cleveland Baptist Association, was elected by the Board of Directors to the presidency of the Cleveland Church Federation on March 26. He will succeed Mr. David K. Ford in the duties of this office on May 1. During his

years in Cleveland Dr. Sharpe has been an indefatigable worker in the interests of the Christian Church. He has achieved a national reputation as an authority in city work. He was one of a comparatively small group who steered the Federation through the dark days of the depression. Friends of coöperative Christianity may look confidently to an excellent year under his leadership.

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Comity Committee Allocates Responsibility

Allocation of responsibility to minister to the needs of newly established communities, trailer camps and Federal Temporary Housing areas, has been facilitated in Greater Cincinnati through the well-established procedures of the Comity Committee of the Council of Churches of Greater Cincinnati. A recent news item carried the announcement that a second new church was being planned in the Roselawn Community and that this new Lutheran Church will be organized soon. This decision was made with the full approval of the Council of Churches of Cincinnati, following a survey which had been made to determine the needs of the community. The news item stated, "It is the policy of the Council not to set up competitive churches in the same area, but a report by the Comity Committee showed that the size of the field warranted occupancy of two Protestant churches. A Catholic church was established there about a year ago."

Pastors Organize to Meet Industrial Workers' Needs

Implementing the pattern of coöperative approach to the opportunities and special responsibilities which local churches in a given area have to cultivate and minister to new families moving into war industrial communities, Dr. Earl R. North, of Cincinnati, Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Church, on behalf of the Christian Commission of the Ohio Council of Churches, met with the pastors of the area on March 4 at the Presbyterian Church at Lebanon. The communities represented were Lebanon, Kings Mills, Loveland, Mason, Morrow and Pleasant Plains. Stepping up of production of ammunition at Kings Mills has stimulated a rapid influx of workers into all these communities. The whole gamut of need to assist strangers to become acquainted with other families presents itself. The pastors in these communities voted to organize into a local association in order better to share with each other and coöperate in developing programs and services, such as Vacation Bible Schools, special evangelistic service, committees to contact new families, as well as deepen and enrich the ministry of comfort and consolation to men in service from these several communities. Rev. Paul E. Chiles of

Lebanon was elected President of the newly formed fellowship and Rev. Murray Drysdale of Mason, Secretary.

Kansas City Council Publishes New Bulletin

The Kansas City (Mo.) Council of Churches on March 15 issued a new bulletin entitled *The Clarion*. This publication has been authorized by the Executive Committee for an experimental period of three months—March, April and May, 1943. It contains no advertisements. It is designed to inform member churches, pastors and contributors of what the Council is doing and to be an organ of coöperative Protestantism in Kansas City and of its relations with the community. The reason for the name of the bulletin is indicated in the following words: "Because a *Clarion* is sounding all over the world. It is calling every citizen to give his utmost and gladly,

to service, to economic sacrifice and to drastic readjustments in daily living."

The Clarion reports that the budget campaign for 1943 which closed on January 12, has cleared the Council of debt and had doubled its income for 1943. New pledges and new money are being received every week. It is now possible for the Council to do what it has long needed to do—expand.

Denver Council Plans Spring Training School

The Denver Council of Churches is planning to hold Leadership Training Classes one evening each week for six weeks following Easter. Six or more churches in a district are to be united for visitation, demonstration and leadership instruction. The district school will meet in a different church each week. Assembly will be at

7:30 for presentation of purpose, organization and outstanding features of this church's program of religious instruction. At 8:00 o'clock there will be a display of materials and interpretation of program by departmental superintendents assisted by teachers of the host church. At 8:40 standard leadership training classes will be in session followed by dismissal at 9:40. The Council will provide the Dean, the organizational set-up, faculty, advertising, all mechanical work involved in official accreditation, a coaching conference for host pastors, and general and departmental superintendents. It is understood that the host churches will offer their church plant, exhibit tours and interpretation of program without rental charge for this one night. This plan has proved to have exceptional value to each host church as well as for all church school teachers, officers, parents and adult leaders.

• Among the New Books •

On Being a Real Person

By HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK
Harper and Brothers, \$2.50.

Every piece of writing Dr. Fosdick has produced has dealt, directly or indirectly, with "being a real person," or the practical psychology of personality. But in this already celebrated volume he has gathered together the wisdom and insight which twenty years of personal counseling, and wide reading, have given him in this field. Only Hollywood adjectives could suggest what a remarkable contribution the book makes.

The chapter headings suggest the content: Shouldering Responsibility for Ourselves, What Being a Real Person Means, The Principle of Self-Acceptance, Getting Oneself Off One's Hands, Dealing with Fear and Anxiety, Handling Our Mischievous Consciences, Using All There Is in Us, Mastering Depression, The Principle of Released

Power, and The Practical Use of Faith.

This is not a professional book for the counselor, but a book for the layman. Clear and understandable, with the illuminating illustrations of which Dr. Fosdick is a master, it is nevertheless not "written down." Its extraordinary value and timeliness are indicated in its heading the non-fiction best-seller lists in many large cities.

Among the score of reasons why *On Being a Real Person* is of value is the fact that the point of view toward personality difficulties which it represents was, he points out, relatively unknown to the author until he was in early middle life. This in itself should be of encouragement to others who were unable in school years to study the psychology of personality.

Another reason for the book's importance is suggested in the reaction to it of the secular press. Let a book about religion be written by a chemist, psychologist, or sociologist and the professional reviewers

give it careful consideration. But, as one reviewer candidly admits, a book by a professional religionist is called, in the language of the trade, "uplift." The fact that it has been widely reviewed in the press is, therefore, important. The author says he has tried here "not to be a special pleader" for religion but to discuss religion only when he "ran headlong into it" in the course of personal counseling. The assumption by the press that this means not dealing with religion at all is a commentary on the need for this kind of religious literature, which shatters the complacency of a public convinced that religion exists only apart from the problems of every-day life.

Not all the subjects Dr. Fosdick treats are handled with equal vision and depth of perception. His treatment of instincts has certain implications which in reality are confusing to his thesis, and his treatment of anxiety and hatred do not completely reveal the tenacity which these attitudes may have. But these are very minor flaws in a work of surpassing importance. One distinguished psychiatrist has justly described this as "the best book on personal mental hygiene ever written."

S. H.

Southern Preaching

WHAT IS YOUR NEED? By Stuart R. Oglesby. John Knox Press, Richmond, Va. \$1.00.

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The second volume, by the minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Ga., has qualities of "popular" preaching in the best sense of the term. With no sacrifice of content, these sermons speak directly to the heart of the "plain man." Readers of the BULLETIN will be interested to know that while he was serving an earlier pastorate in the United Presbyterian Church the author represented that denomination on the Federal Council's Executive Committee. S. M. C.

What Is the Church Doing?

By HENRY P. VAN DUSEN
Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.00.

Dr. Van Dusen's survey is a vigorous tonic for those who are skeptical about the churches in the European nations overrun by the Nazis—Germany itself, Norway, Denmark, France, Belgium, Holland, Czecho-Slovakia, the Balkans. In many respects the story is a thrilling one, showing the Church to be the strongest bulwark of resistance to the totalitarian effort to subject the whole life of men to the control of a state that knows no law higher than its own arbitrary will. Dr. Van Dusen then turns to the "younger churches" that have come into being in Asia and Africa as a result of the missionary movement, making it clear that, in spite of grave losses, they have a great role to play in world-wide Christianity.

The third section of Dr. Van Dusen's stimulating book has to do with the Church as a universal fellowship. He sees the Church as "the only world community raising up world-minded, world-committed leaders" and describes the ways in which the new ecumenical spirit is expressing it-

self in more effective organization for its world-wide tasks. Final chapters outline the prospect for church union, with special reference to the negotiations between the Presbyterians and Episcopalians in this country and the far-reaching proposal for a church union in India which would create a new synthesis of the major heritages of the Reformation.

Dr. Van Dusen's book is so timely that it is gratifying to know that, by a special arrangement with the publisher, the Missionary Education Movement is distributing a paper-bound edition at sixty cents, thus making it easily obtainable for study groups. S. M. C.

"It's Your Souls We Want"

By STEWART HERMAN
Harper and Brothers. \$2.50.

Considering the importance of the German Church struggle, it is surprising how few volumes there are in English dealing with it from a first-hand contact. Most of the available literature on the subject has been written by scholars outside of Germany. Nor has any book known to me covered in detail the developments of the years since the outbreak of the war.

Mr. Herman comes forward to present what I believe is a definitive book in this field. While not much space in it is given to background material, that is not needed. It can be had elsewhere. His residence in Germany from 1936 to 1942—when he came away with other representatives of our Berlin Embassy—gave him unusual opportunities to study developments from the inside. He was pastor of the American Church, and concurrently in later years of his stay a member of the Embassy staff with special concern for prisoners of war and civilian internees. His work took him to many parts of the Reich and brought him into contact with official Nazidom as well as with the church leaders on both sides of the struggle.

He traces developments with care and illustrates amply the effects of various measures taken against the Church. He reveals the reasons for confusion among honest Germans as to the real purposes of the Hitler government. He shows clearly how the currents of controversy swirled and spread, engulfing more and more of church life. In vivid ways he presents the story of the brave resistance of the Confessional leaders. He gives authentic in-

terpretation of their state of mind. He lifts the veil which censorship has thrown over many aspects of their work in recent years. He maintains an amazing objectivity and yet does not try to hide the fact his sympathies are strongly on their side.

In addition to the advantages he enjoyed from the point of view of gaining knowledge of both Church and State in Germany, Mr. Herman is himself of German stock, although born and educated for the most part in America. He knows the Lutheran tradition, of which he is himself a representative. All of this is most important as so much of the writing about the Hitler war on Christianity has been done by persons with a quite different background ethically and theologically.

The book moves with color and drama. Its story is told with humor as well as insight. It shows how the hope of a Nazi-fighted Christianity has faded in party circles as the war has revealed many things previously hidden from the German people. It traces the evolution of the three main factions in the Evangelical Church: German Christians, neutrals, Confessionals. The developments of recent years have made it plain, Herman feels, that the soul of the people has eluded the Nazis. He thinks that they know it too. H. S. L.

Christian Answers to War Questions

By HAMPTON ADAMS
Revell. \$1.00.

This is a small and unpretentious book of sermon-essays, but it contains more weighty substance than most volumes of a much more ambitious character. It comes from the pen of one of the younger ministers of the Middle West, pastor of the Union Avenue Christian Church of St. Louis. It marks him as a thoughtful preacher, blessed with a quality of luminous simplicity in dealing with difficult issues on which people today are greatly perplexed. The reader is left with the feeling that the preacher has tried consistently to test everything by the mind and spirit of Christ.

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